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PROFITEERING BY MERCHANTS DENIED

The Usual Hoax Started Here Is Run to Earth and Found Without Truth—Dispatch From Washington Shows There is No Foundation For Stories Throughout Country.

There has been the canard going the rounds in Abbeville, just as it has in other places, that the merchants were profiteering. There is a sad lack of originality with the perpetrators of the story, there being no material difference in the versions as appearing in the various towns. The story runs something like this: Federal agents have visited a store, tried to buy a suit of clothes, protested at the alleged high price and then demanded the invoice, comparing the sales price with the invoice, thus disclosing evidence of abnormal profits. This libelous story has been repeated here in Abbeville as having happened in two men's furnishing stores. It was run to ground and the man who was said to have started the story was interviewed. He denied having originated the story but admitted that he had repeated what he had heard. Such a tale could work inestimable harm and people who hear the story should demand proof before they repeat it.

The following dispatch from Washington and published in Monday's State should forever dispose of the libelous hoax:

Washington, Oct. 5.—Senator Dial has received from the department of justice positive assurances that there is no truth in rumors of profiteering having been disclosed among South Carolina merchants by agents of the department. Complaints had come to the senator that legitimate retail business in the state was suffering damage through the persistent currency of rumors that federal agents were visiting stores, comparing sales prices with wholesale invoices, and finding evidence of abnormal profits. Cognizance of these reports was taken by the chambers of commerce of several cities, which investigated and as a result repudiated these stories.

Senator Dial, in order to learn the facts, asked Attorney General Palmer whether any such investigation or findings had been made. The attorney general informed the senator today that such inquiry, had referred the question to the only other agency likely to have been concerned, this being the office of the fair price commissioner for South Carolina, Albert D. Oliphant of Columbia. The attorney general furnished Senator Dial with Commissioner Oliphant's reply, Mr. Oliphant says that so far as his office is concerned, no evidences of much profiteering have been found, nor have the methods alleged to be employed been used by him.

Commissioner Oliphant writes as follows:

"So far as this office is concerned, there is no truth in the rumors which have reached Senator Dial, as we have not found evidences of 'much profiteering,' nor have we used so far the system of investigation described in the senator's letter, i. e., securing prices and then asking for invoices.

"As you know, I have not concerned myself with any commodity except food. We have had no trouble in securing local wholesale prices for food without asking for invoices and of course the market reports carried by the Associated Press give us the prices for food at the primary markets. Our 'fair prices' for food are arrived at through action of fair price committees, on which food dealers have representation, and we do not secure them by asking for invoices, for the simple reason that it has not been necessary.

"To set at rest the rumors to which Senator Dial refers, let me say further that I have used the service of 'government agents' only twice, once in the course of an investigation of the price of fresh meats in

NEGROES KILLED IN GEORGIA SUNDAY

Three negroes were killed in Lincoln County, Georgia, just across the Savannah River from McCormick, on Sunday. It seems that two officers were deputized to arrest a negro, and when they were on the way to the prison with the negro, after the arrest, he suddenly fired on one of them. Another negro then took the assailant, and undertook to help him make his escape. Both negroes were afterwards captured and killed. Another negro was also killed. There are no particulars of this homicide.

It was stated at McCormick Monday that evidence had been secured of an organization in Lincoln County amongst the negroes similar to that existing among the negroes who last week gave trouble in Arkansas. The leaders and organizers of this band were being hunted on Monday according to our informant.

LYCEUM COURSE BEGINS HERE ON OCTOBER 16

The Lyceum Course, secured for the benefit of the Abbeville Memorial Hospital, will begin Thursday, October 16, with the presentation of "The Colleens." The Colleens program opens with a village scene in Ireland and the four young ladies who comprise the company are appropriately dressed in Irish costumes.

The program will consist of songs of Ireland, a Salvation Army sketch, rendition of selections from standard operas and an attractive playlet.

The second number of the Lyceum course will be given October 31, by Rich-Werno entertainers.

Parent-Teacher Association.

At a meeting Friday afternoon a Parent-Teacher Association was organized at which time the following officers were elected: Mrs. A. B. Morse, president; Miss Mae Robertson, vice-president; Miss Annie Hill, secretary; Mrs. C. C. Gambrell, treasurer. A great deal of interest was manifested in the organization, about 50 parents and teachers attending.

Dr. McGlothlin Speaks.

Dr. W. J. McGlothlin, of Spartanburg, spoke at the Baptist Church Sunday in behalf of the 75 Million Campaign of the Baptist Church. There was a large crowd and a great deal of interest was manifested in the meeting.

Fire At Parsonage.

There was a slight fire Saturday at noon at the Methodist Parsonage. The kitchen flue caught fire and an alarm was turned in, the fire being put out before the department could arrive. No damage was done.

Cincinnati Wins Monday.

Cincinnati defeated Chicago in the fifth game of the World Championship series at Chicago by the score of 5 to 0. Eller and Williams were the opposing pitchers.

First Brick Laid.

The first brick were laid on the Square today. One negro bricklayer is said to be able to lay 40,000 brick a day. The work should progress rapidly at this rate.

Columbia, and once in the course of an investigation of the price of bread at our baking centers, to wit: Columbia, Charleston, Spartanburg, and Greenville. In these investigations, no invoices were examined, for the reason that I knew the wholesale prices both of fresh meats and of bread making materials. Moreover, these investigations did not disclose any great amount of profiteering.

"The rumors to which Senator Dial refers are current in Georgia as well as in South Carolina. The morning paper in Columbia prints a story today denying the truth of these rumors as far as Columbia is concerned."

J. M. NICKLES NAMED CHAIRMAN OF NEXT RED CROSS DRIVE

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 6.—J. M. Nickles prominent citizen of Abbeville, S. C., has been appointed chairman in his chapter for the Third Red Cross Roll Call, November 2-11, it was announced today at southern division headquarters of the American Red Cross.

The Third Red Cross Roll Call will be a nation-wide drive, participated in by the men and women of America without regard to differences of class or creed, for the sum of \$15,000,000 and for 20,000,000 members. The southern division's quota for the five states of Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina is \$750,000 and for 2,000,000 members.

KING AND QUEEN COME WITH PRINCE

New York, Oct. 3.—The king and queen of the Belgians, with Prince Leopold, heir apparent to the throne were the guests of the United States in New York tonight. They have come, as his majesty expressed it, to voice their gratitude and of that of their people for the generous aid given them by this country in years of direst need when their nation was threatened with extermination.

Their first hours on American soil were spent quietly at their hotel, resting after their voyage across the Atlantic and celebrating their 19th wedding anniversary. By their express wish, their official welcome to New York will not begin until noon tomorrow. At that hour will start an arduous round of receptions and sightseeing which eventually will take them to San Francisco and back to Washington, where they will be guests at the White House.

The Belgian royalty were given the official freedom of the United States by Vice President Marshall, when they stepped ashore from the transport George Washington on the government pier at Hoboken at noon today.

As the George Washington was warped into her berth, a fanfare of trumpets proclaimed the coming of a lieutenant general in the Belgian army with not a single decoration on his breast, he walked unattended down the gangplank.

Behind him, seemingly scarcely half his height, came Queen Elizabeth. She wore a long traveling coat of white broadcloth over a white gown, a white fur stole and a close fitting white hat, with a white chiffon veil.

Walking behind his mother was a slender lad of 18, the heir apparent to the throne, wearing the uniform of a private in the Twelfth Belgian infantry.

Judge Lyon Pleases All.

While taking his vacation this summer, Judge Lyon, who is well beloved here and one whom we call our own, was around Fredericksburg, Va. and made a speech in some of their public gatherings. The Daily Star of August 29th has the following pleasant notice of the Judge which will be read with interest by Abbeville people:

"The address of Judge Lyon of South Carolina, was extemporaneous and made a hit. Judge Lyon is an orator. He is a Confederate veteran and fought in the battles in this section. A typical Southern gentleman and a speaker of ability. He interested the audience to a marked degree."

Abbeville Defeats Due West.

The Abbeville High School defeated Due West at football here Friday afternoon by the score of 12 to 7. The local boys were greatly outweighed and it was only because of superior team-work and the fact that Due West lacked training and—wind—that Abbeville won. Due West was frequently penalized for infringement of rules and showed sadly the lack of practice.

TWO STILLS FOUND IN OPERATION IN ABBEVILLE COUNTY

Two stills were found in operation and destroyed in this county last week, one near Swearingen's Mill and the other near Hester's Ferry. Both raiding parties were led by Deputy Marshal C. J. Bruce. The first party consisting of Bruce, Deputy Collector V. B. Martin and Deputy Sheriff C. L. Cann, raided the first still Thursday on the Speer place, near Swearingen's Mill, and found a 50 gallon still with 500 gallons of mash and a few gallons of whiskey. The still and fixtures were destroyed and two men found operating the still, Bill Thresher and Jim Manning were arrested and brought to Abbeville, where they were placed in jail to await the next term of the United States Court.

Another still was found in operation Friday near Hester's Ferry by Bruce and Martin, this one being a wash-pot still operated by two negro women, Martha and Katherine Carlisle. The still was a primitive affair, made of a large iron wash-pot with a copper cap and worm of galvanized pit, run through a trough. Its capacity was 50 gallons. Fifty gallons of mash was destroyed with this last still.

The two negro women were brought to Abbeville and given a preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Williamson and turned loose on \$500 bonds for appearance before the next term of court.

Deputy Marshal Bruce left Monday for Newberry, Edgefield and Saluda Counties to serve bench warrants and other papers.

Work Progressing.

Work on the residence being built by Mr. W. H. Peebles, is progressing in good style and a handsome residence will soon be an ornament to Chestnut street.

The plans were made by Architect James C. Hemphill and call for a most complete and commodious dwelling.

A Church "Drive."

All the churches are having "campaigns" or "drives" of some sort or other, these days and October has been set aside as "Nation-wide Campaign Information Month," in the Episcopal Church. Rev. A. W. Taylor of Columbia, will speak at Abbeville and Mr. A. W. Smith, of Greenville, will speak at the Advent and Mission churches in Spartanburg.

POOL ROOM WILL BE OPENED HERE OCT. 25

Mike Kostos has bought four pool tables and will open a pool-room and soft drink stand in the T. M. Miller store on Trinity street about October 25. The place will be remodeled and equipped in an up-to-date manner. Near beer will be served from tap. A full line of cigars and tobaccos will be carried in stock.

Remodeling Baptist Church.

The work of repairing and remodeling the Baptist Church and Sunday School room began last week and it was impossible to hold the regular Sunday School in the room Sunday. Next Sunday the church will not be occupied for the same reason.

The Bridge Club.

Mrs. J. D. Kerr entertained the bridge club most pleasantly Friday afternoon. There were six tables of players and the games were interesting and pleasant.

A salad course with tea was served at the close of the afternoon.

ABBEVILLE HIGH TO PLAY ANDERSON HERE FRIDAY

A game has been scheduled here Friday between the elevens of Abbeville and Anderson High Schools.

COTTON REPORT SHOWS STEADY DECLINE

The government cotton report issued through B. B. Hare, South Carolina Field Agent of the United States Department of Agriculture, shows a decline of 6 per cent in condition of cotton during the last 30 days, the last report on September 2, being 67 per cent while the condition reported on October 2, was 61 per cent of normal. The report is made as of September 25, the ten-year average condition on this date being 67 per cent. The estimated yield of lint per acre is 211 pounds, the total production for the State being placed at 1,127,000 bales, or a decrease of 43,000 bales during the last 30 days. The average yield per acre last year was 250 pounds and the total production according to grower's report was 1,578,564 bales. The final out turn, however, will be larger or smaller than the amount above indicated according as weather conditions hereafter are better or worse than average conditions.

The condition for the entire United States is 54.4 per cent of normal, which would indicate the total production of 10,696,000 bales, as against 12,040,532 bales last year, 11,302,375 bales two years ago, 11,449,930 bales three years ago, 11,191,620 bales four years ago and 16,134,930 bales five years ago.

Condition for nearby South Carolina by counties, follows:

County.	Aug. 25.	Sept. 25.
	Per cent.	Per cent.
Abbeville,	68	62
Anderson,	74	65
Edgefield,	65	60
Greenville,	74	65
Greenwood,	67	60
McCormick,	63	59
Newberry,	67	60

The condition in the various states is as follows:

Virginia, 64; North Carolina, 61; South Carolina, 61; Georgia, 49; Florida, 35; Alabama, 45; Mississippi, 52; Louisiana, 38; Texas, 52; Arkansas, 60; Tennessee, 64; Missouri, 73; Oklahoma, 72; California, 95; Arizona, 92.

Distinguished Visitors.

On last Thursday Miss Kate Gary, Mrs. Thomas H. Pope and Mr. Will Gary of Kinards, S. C., and Mrs. Fred R. McConnell of Jacksonville, Fla., and Mr. Thomas W. Gary of Bartow, Fla., motored through the country and visited the family of Chief Justice Gary.

Mrs. McConnell and Mr. Thomas W. Gary are originally from Newberry County, where their father, Mr. Marvin H. Gary resided.

Home From Hendersonville.

Mrs. Henry Norwood has returned to Abbeville after spending the summer in Hendersonville. Mrs. Norwood is looking well and is prepared to make renewed efforts for the welfare of the Library.

She will spend the winter at the home of Miss Corrie Andrews.

Back After a Vacation.

Dr. Arundel has returned to his work in Greenwood after an extended vacation, and will come to Abbeville shortly for his first service at Trinity Church. He will supply the church here during the winter.

In Town.

Mr. Fred Knittel is in town. He is a big man among the little boys for he runs the big cement mixer now stationed on the public square. He is a returned soldier, having seen service in France. He comes from Atlanta and is boarding at Mrs. Rogers.

Going to Charleston.

Mrs. Robert Coleman and her two interesting children are leaving today for Charleston, where they will make their home during the winter, Mr. Coleman taking the place of President Harrison Randolph, who is in Washington doing war work.

THE FAIR GROUND SOLD HERE MONDAY

S. H. Rosenberg Purchases, Paying \$7,180 or \$448.75 Per Acre for 16 Acres. Many Other Transfers at Masters Sales. One Tract of Land Containing 421 Acres, Brings \$44,000.

The Fair Grounds were sold Monday at a Receivers Sale to S. H. Rosenberg for \$7,180. There are 16 acres in this tract and it brought \$448.75 per acre. This is the record price for land in this county. But this land is adjoining town and can be classed as city realty.

Russell Stables Sold.

The sale of the Russell stables to R. B. Ferguson and J. Howard Moore for \$7500 was made Friday. These stables are now occupied by McKenzie and Johnson. It is understood that the latter intend to build on the Sam Eakin property, which they bought Friday for \$6,000.

A lot on Magazine street, belonging to the F. W. R. Nance estate was sold Monday to Richard Sondley for \$3,180.

Masters Sales.

The J. F. Riley tract of land was sold at Master Sales Monday to M. L. Tolbert for \$4525. There are 160 acres in this tract and it brought \$28.38 per acre.

The Tom Ferguson property, tract No. 1, 100 1-2 acres, was sold to J. M. Nickles for \$93 per acre. Tract No. 2, containing 64 acres, was sold to J. M. Nickles for \$40 per acre and transferred for a valuable consideration to Julius DuPre.

The land of Mrs. Jane Wilson, Clatworthy's Cross Roads, Tract No. 1, containing 100 acres, was sold to J. C. Wilson for \$83 per acre. Tract No. 2 was sold to S. G. Thomson for \$30 per acre.

The Hill tract of land, near Donalds, containing 61 1-4 acres, was sold to H. A. Moore for \$61 per acre. The Markham property, a house and lot, Due West, was withdrawn from the sale, settlement having been made out of court.

The Dunlap property, near Donalds Tract No. 1, containing 81 3-8 acres, was sold to C. O. Bigby for \$136 per acre. Tract No. 2, containing 38 acres, was sold to J. J. Bigby for \$106.50 per acre. Tract No. 3, containing 60 6-10 acres, was sold to J. F. Maddison for \$99 per acre. Tract No. 4, containing 62 acres, was sold to S. W. Davis for \$71 per acre. Tract No. 5, containing 59 7-8 acres, was sold to J. A. Pinson for \$76 per acre. Tract No. 6, containing 61 acres, was sold to Mrs. R. G. Bigby for \$141.00 per acre. Tract No. 7, containing 59 acres, was sold to S. W. Davis for \$91 per acre. The whole tract of 421 3-4 acres, brought \$44,000.00

Not a Samson.

Mr. Charlie McNeil, who is a good clerk and a gay sport, is having to take a back seat when it comes to being a Samson. He tried to lift a Ford one day last week and has been on the retired list ever since with a badly sprained back.

Prominent Visitor Here.

T. L. Clinkscales, Jr., Anderson County, a representative in the State Legislature from that county, was a visitor in Abbeville Monday.

COTTON MARKET.

October 6.

Spot Cotton	32.75
New York Cotton Market	
January	32.21
March	32.31
May	32.35
October	31.75
December	32.11